

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Joseph & Carolyn Germain House Survey Number: G-IV-A-228

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒ X

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Joseph and Carolyn Germain House is recommended not eligible for the National Register. The dwelling does not relate to a significant broad pattern contributing to the Oakland area's development during the early twentieth century. Research has not identified any significant associations with historic persons or events. The house neither reflects the distinctive characteristics of a particular architectural style nor embodies the representative work of a master craftsman or method of construction. The building also does not appear to potentially provide important information for the study of history.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Stuart Dixon, KCI Technologies, Inc.

*[Signature]* - Concur  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/20/98  
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

*[Signature]*  
Reviewer, NR program

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Date

Joseph and Carolyn Germain House  
G-IV-A-228  
841 North Fourth Street  
Oakland vicinity  
1915  
Private

The Joseph and Carolyn Germain House is a two-story frame, four-square dwelling with a pyramidal roof. Two bays wide and two rooms deep, it has a full-width wrapping front porch that is enclosed its side (northeast) elevation.

Built in 1915 according to Garrett County tax records, the Joseph and Carolyn Germain House relates to the residential settlement of areas surrounding Oakland during the early twentieth century.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Joseph and Carolyn Germain House

### 2. Location

street & number 841 North Fourth Street not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph and Carolyn Germain

street & number 841 North Fourth Street telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-3-511

city, town Oakland liber and folio 360/245

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture			buildings
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>X</u> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry			
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape			
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture			
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion			
		<input type="checkbox"/> social			
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation			
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress			
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:			

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Joseph and Carolyn Germain House (G-IV-A-228) is located just north of Oakland, Maryland, at 841 North Fourth Street (Old U.S. 219). The two-story frame four-square dwelling has a pyramidal roof. Two bays wide and two rooms deep, it has a full-width wrapping front porch that is enclosed its side (northeast) elevation. Facing southeast, the house sits on a rectangular lot that slopes away from the street. The southwest lot line is defined by a row of large evergreen trees.

The dwelling is clad in wooden shingles painted blue and rests on a poured concrete which encloses a full cellar. Sheathed in asphalt shingles, the dwelling's roofs are finished with box cornices covered with vinyl. Supported by modern turned wooden porch posts with an open balustrade, the hip-roofed front porch has a poured concrete deck. A modern pressure-treated wood deck leads to the sliding-glass rear entrance on the northwest elevation. The deck is built over a concrete block cellar entrance off the west corner of the house.

Fenestration consists primarily of one-over-one wooden double hung sash. There is a cottage window with a multi-paned top sash on the front (southeast) elevation. In addition, wooden hopper windows are found in the enclosed porch. The windows are decorated with fixed vinyl shutters. Narrow wooden molding surrounds the door and window openings. A modern exterior concrete block chimney pile is located on the southwest (side) elevation.

A flat-roofed concrete block garage with attached open-sided sheds is situated west of the house along the southwest edge of the lot. A macadam driveway follows the lot line to the garage. A concrete walk connects leads to the front entrance from the street.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	Circa 1915	<b>Builder/Architect</b>	Unknown
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Evaluation for:

☒ National Register    ☐ Maryland Register    ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

Built in 1915 according to Garrett County tax records, the Joseph and Carolyn Germain House relates to the residential settlement of areas surrounding Oakland during the early twentieth century. Construction of the Garrett Highway occurred six years earlier primarily following earlier unimproved roads and used North Fourth Street as its access into Oakland. Characterized by an extended period of growth, Oakland's early twentieth century expansion occurred primarily along previous road networks.

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial / Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870 - 1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.53 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.53 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 511, Map 78, Grid 3

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	3-28-97
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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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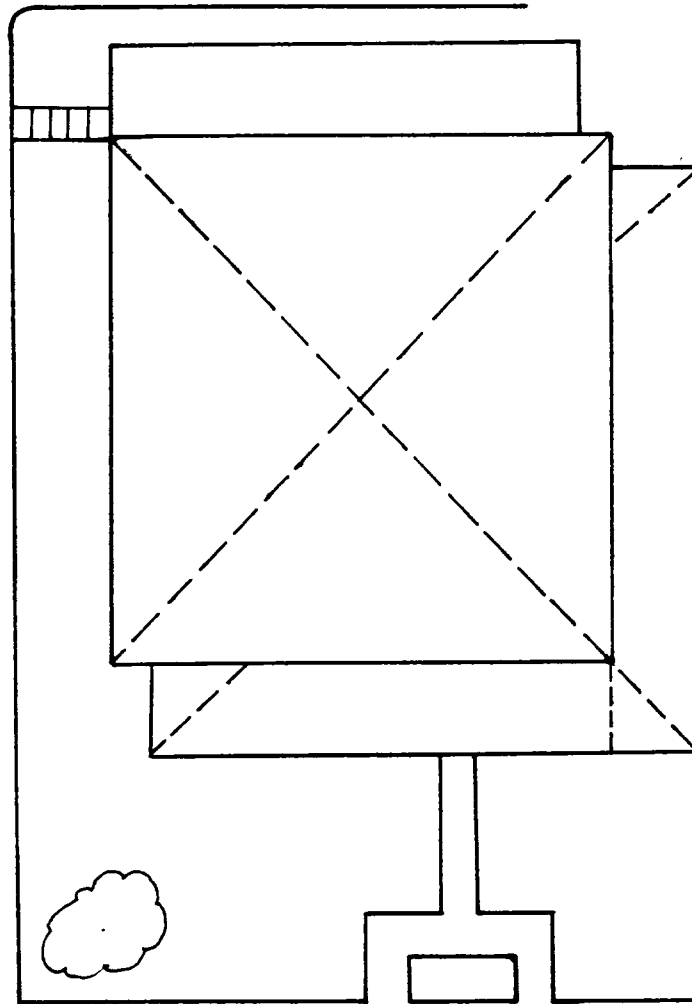
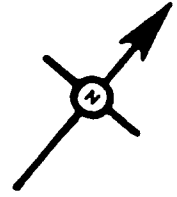
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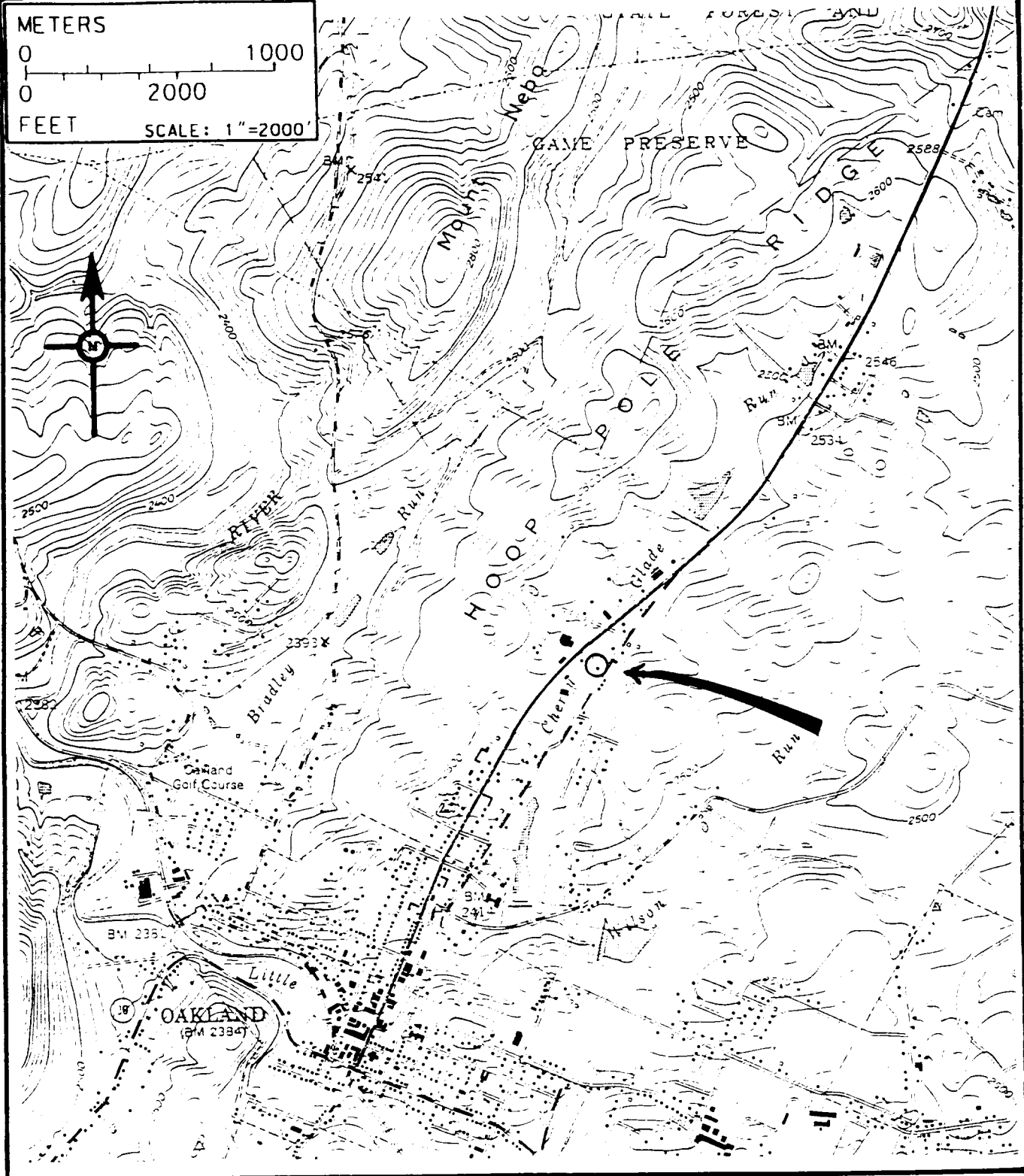
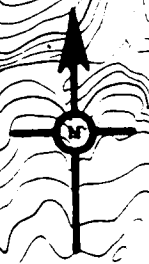
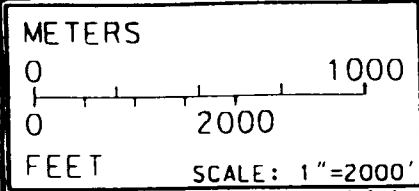
NORTH 4<sup>th</sup> ST.

*Not to Scale*



**Resource Sketch Map**

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Joseph and Carolyn Germain House  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map



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Joseph & Carolyn Germain House  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County  
Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)



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